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EXHIBIT #VII.F.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: William H. Beardsley, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: November 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Approval of the Review Team for the Burlington College Out-of-State Institution
Application Review to offer credit courses in Maine.

BACKGROUND: Burlington College is an independent, progressive, liberal arts institution that honors the individuality of each student and emphasizes the dynamic relationship between education and experience. Founded in 1972 as the Vermont Institute of Community Involvement, the College has from its origin focused on integrating learning, personal development, and community engagement.

Burlington College is committed to an interdisciplinary curriculum, small classes, an emphasis on dialog, learning in and from community, and respect for perspectives born of varied socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. Students of diverse ages, circumstances, and means, through a combination of academic abilities, life experiences, and character, receive a transformative education.

Burlington College has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the New England Institute for Teacher Education (ENITE), LLC of Stonington, Maine 04681. ENITE will offer professional development opportunities to adult learners through both undergraduate and graduate course offerings and programs. The New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) has agreed to this relationship as opportunity for Burlington College to increase revenue. ENITE will provide, hybrid professional development opportunities to pre K-12 pre-service and in-service educators, marketing, and register students in Maine for Burlington College. Burlington College and the ENITE will share tuition revenue in the following manner: Burlington College to receive \$275 per student per course from \$1190 for 3 credit graduate course or from a 3 credit undergraduate course at \$890.

Burlington College has submitted an application for an out-of-state institution to offer credit courses in Maine. This application will need to be evaluated focusing primarily upon whether the applicant meets the Board's course granting standards as found in Chapter 149. An interview with Valpo is scheduled for November 13, 2015 via Skype.

RECOMMENDATION: That the State Board of Education approves the list for potential State review team members for the Burlington College Out-of-State Institution Application Review and designate Linda Fuller of College of the Atlantic as Chair.

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Proposed State Review Team Membership

Chair Linda Fuller
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 College of the Atlantic

Dr. Timothy Surrette
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